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1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ADVISED US REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO THAT CANBERRA HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO UNNY TO PURSUE FOLLOWING LINE REGARD HEAD OF SECRETARIAT OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC):

A) HEAD OF WFC SECRETARIAT SHOULD HAVE RANK EQUIVALENT OF FAO ADG, NO HIGHER. APPOINTMENT AT UNDERSECRETARY LEVEL COULD LEAD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AGENCY WHICH AUSTRALIA OPPOSES.

B) HEAD OF SECRETARIAT CAN BE FROM FAO BUT SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUSIVELY AN FAO CREATURE. THEREFORE, AUSTRALIA COULD SUPPORT APPOINTMENT OF FAO COMMODITIES AND TRADE DIVISION DIRECTOR AZIZ BUT HE SHOULD NOT CONTINUE IN HIS PRESENT POSITION UNLESS "IT COULD BE DEMONSTRATED" THAT HIS FAO CONNECTION WOULD NOT PREJUDICE HIS ABILITY TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES.

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C) COMPETENCE SHOULD BE FIRST CRITERIA ON SELECTION WHETHER SECRETARIAT HEAD FROM DC OR LDC. AUSTRALIA WOULD SUPPORT EITHER DC OR LDC CANDIDATE GIVEN RESERVATIONS NOTED PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH RE FAO CONNECTIONS.

D) AUSTRALIA PREFERS FOUR-MAN SECRETARIAT BUT WOULD ACCEPT A 5-7 MAN SECRETARIAT HAS PROPOSED BY US IF THERE IS A CONSENSUS FOR IT.

E) APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE A JOINT NOMINATION BY WALDHEIMW5& 7?934.-.

2. **&5'7MT/. EMBASSY NOW ADVISED THAT TITLE OF DR. HANNAH'S POSISTION AS AGREED ON BY WALDHEIM IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - NOT EVEN "ACTING" EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WFC. WHETHER REFERRED TO IN MESSAGES AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SECRETARY-GENERAL OR SOME OTHER APPEALATION, POSITION REMAINS FUNCTIONALLY HEAD OF WFC SECRETARIAT.VOLPE

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